

SENATE, No. 220

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

By Senator ADLER

1 AN ACT abolishing the Department of Community Affairs in the
2 Executive Branch of State Government and providing for the
3 transfer of certain of its functions, powers and duties.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. The Department of Community Affairs in the Executive Branch
9 of State Government, established by P.L.1966, c.293 (C.52:27D-1 et
10 seq.), is abolished and, except as otherwise provided in this act, all of
11 its functions, powers and duties shall terminate on the effective date
12 of this act.

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14 2. The offices and terms of the Commissioner of Community
15 Affairs, the Assistant Commissioners of Community Affairs, and the
16 directors of the several offices and divisions of the Department of
17 Community Affairs, except as otherwise provided by this act, shall
18 terminate on the effective date of this act.

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20 3. The Division of Local Government Services, together with its
21 functions, powers and duties, is continued, but the division is
22 transferred to and constituted in the Department of the Treasury.

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24 4. The Division of Housing, the Division of Codes and Standards,
25 the Council on Affordable Housing, the Continuing Care Advisory
26 Council, the Council on Community Restoration and the New Jersey
27 Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, together with the functions,
28 powers and duties of these entities, are continued, but they, along with
29 any other responsibilities of the Department of Community Affairs
30 relating to housing, are transferred to and constituted in the
31 Department of Commerce and Regulated Industries established
32 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as
33 Senate Bill No. of 1994).

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35 5. The Division on Aging, the Division of Community Resources,

1 the Division on Women, the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness
2 and Sports, the Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized
3 Elderly, the Office of the Public Guardian for the Elderly, the
4 Continuing Care Advisory Council and the Advisory Council on
5 Hispanic Affairs, together with the functions, powers, and duties of
6 these entities, are continued but they, along with any other
7 responsibilities of the Department of Community Affairs relating to
8 social service matters, are transferred to and constituted in the
9 Department of Human Services.

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11 6. The transfers directed by this act shall be effected pursuant to
12 the "State Agency Transfer Act," P.L.1971, C.375 (C.52:14D-1 et
13 seq.).

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15 7. This act shall take effect on the effective date of Senate Bill
16 No.1683, or substantially similar legislation establishing a Department
17 of Commerce and Regulated Industries, but any action necessary to
18 effectuate the provisions of this act may be taken prior thereto.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill abolishes the Department of Community Affairs. The
24 department's various divisions, and the functions, powers and duties
25 thereof, are transferred to the Department of the Treasury, the
26 Department of Human Services and the new Department of Commerce
27 and Regulated Industries to be created pursuant to companion
28 legislation.

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33 Abolishes Department of Community Affairs and transfers its
34 responsibilities to other departments.